

CHARGES COERCION IN NEWBERRY FIGHT

Senator Townsend Asserts
Foes of Colleague Use
Strong-Arm Methods.

ALLEGES LOBBY ACTIVE

Ford Agents Said to Be Busy
in Fight to Unseat
Michigan.

[By Associated Press.]
WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Charges that threats had been made by certain interests to coerce Senators to vote against seating Senator Newberry, of Michigan, were made today by Senator Townsend, of that State. In the course of an extended defense of his colleague in the Senate, Senator Townsend declared he had received letters threatening him with defeat if he attempted to speak for Senator Newberry or voted to keep him in the Senate.

Says His Defeat Demanded.
"And what will it cost in millions of dollars," he asked, "if this attempt to coerce these Senators standing with Newberry is carried out? I have seen printed circulars sent out to the people of my State urging them to get in touch with me and to defeat me if I speak or vote for Senator Newberry."

The speaker said he did know that "paid agents" of Henry Ford frequented the Senate galleries and that their attendance always was noted when the subject of the Newberry election resolution was under consideration.

"I know that it is true," he added. "Further, I have seen Senators talk with these paid agents in the lobbies of the Senate."

Makes Attack on Healin.
Referring to declarations by Senator Healin that he was prepared to ask Mr. Newberry certain questions, Senator Townsend asserted that "the Senator from Alabama carries out that purpose I shall think less of the Senate floor."

"Newberry is a Senator still," he shouted. "He's the peer of any one of you on either side of this chamber. And until he's voted out, he's entitled to the same rights, the same privileges, the same consideration as the rest."

"Newberry will submit to reasonable questioning. But he'll not be cross-examined," Senator Townsend said. "He has the right to do that to him."

"Ah, I don't doubt that this man would give every dollar he has if he had, never entered the campaign. He's suffered the tortures of hell; he's been vilified and accused and blamed, and it's all the worse because I'm convinced it's a political job," Senator Townsend concluded after speaking more than two hours.

**PLANS TO ABOLISH
EXISTING REGIME
BY NEW MEASURE**

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and State highway mileage already completed.

The commission would have charge of the allotment of funds, and it also would decide on routes, except that those fixed by law and already decided upon shall not be changed. The chairman would be authorized and directed to appoint a State road engineer, as well as assistant engineers. This bill has been drawn only after an exhaustive study and comparison of highway laws in successful operation in other States, and it especially embodies some of the best features of the Maryland law.

Plans Business Administration.
Conduct of the department on a basis very much like a great corporation organized to manage its affairs is the aim of the Byrd bill. "The

experienced and successful business man who is to be chairman," said the patron of the measure, "would be equivalent to the president of a large corporation. The nine others selected from the various congressional districts and giving fair representation to each section, would correspond with a corporation's directors, while the State highway engineer would be general manager."

Senator Byrd said the bill "fixed responsibility, defined authority and eliminated one-man control, of which there is so much criticism throughout the State." Responsibility, he said, is so definite that the governor can demand results. "The fact should be emphasized that construction of roads in Virginia since 1914 is a vast business enterprise, and our highways should be built along sound business lines, and all politics eliminated in the State Highway Department."

Gives Governor Power to Act.
"The only opportunity taxpayers have to voice their approval or disapproval of the department," Senator Byrd continued, "is through the election of Governor. Therefore, each Governor should have an opportunity to appoint a new commissioner and commission when he takes office, and also to remove the officials at his pleasure. At present the appointment is made once every six years, giving only every other Governor the appointment, and if the existing law is allowed to stand, the present commissioner will remain in office until July 1, 1926."

Large amounts of money will be available for road work during the coming year, said Senator Byrd. On October 1, 1921, the unexpended balance of State funds was \$1,811,940, and the unexpended Federal Government fund was \$2,955,241, or a total of \$4,767,181. To this he added \$2,734,277 as being available for road construction from State funds, provided the same appropriations are made, in addition to Federal aid for 1922 of \$1,500,000, making a total of nearly \$9,000,000 from State and Federal sources for construction in 1922.

Then, in addition, is the maintenance fund of two-thirds of the automobile tax, amounting last year to \$1,284,415, and constantly increasing, plus \$700,000 for State-aid roads, making a total of approximately \$12,500,000 for road work in 1922. He said contracts have been let for a portion of this amount, but that the same had not been expended.

Senator Byrd said he also favored a larger increase in appropriations for "feeder," or tributary roads.

**TRINKLE INDORSES
MOVE TO ABOLISH
DRY COMMISSIONER**

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yesterday. While a large part of the present prohibition is retained, the organization undoubtedly will be retained under the Attorney-General's authority. In event the proposed merger is approved by the Legislature, many positions, it is believed, will be abolished in the interest of economy.

Save State's Funds.
Opponents of consolidation of the two departments express the opinion that abolition of a separate prohibition enforcement department will prove illadvised, but on the other hand, its advocates stress the fact that the administration undoubtedly would be fully as efficient under the Attorney-General, co-operating with local authorities and, when occasion warrants, with Federal agents. The proposed merger, it is argued, will result in a considerable saving of State funds.

A bill providing for consolidation of the departments will, in all probability, be presented at the coming session of the General Assembly, which convenes Wednesday, and is expected to have strong support and endorsement of Governor-Elect Trinkle.

Seek to Protect Former Mill Owners.
GREENVILLE, S. C., Jan. 7.—A motion for an order directing the stockholders of the Isaquena Mills, at Central, S. C., to pay \$270,000 to the former stockholders of the Courtland Manufacturing Company at Newey, S. C., was made today before Circuit Judge Frank B. Gary. The sum represents outstanding notes made when the mill was sold in 1920 for the sum of \$1,800,000, and is the amount alleged to be still due on the transaction. Arguments on the motion will be completed this afternoon.

GRUBERT MAKES HOT REPLY TO ATTACK ON OPIE

Friend of Staunton Officer
Scores His Baltimore
Assailant.

TELLS OF WITHDRAW CHARGE

Colonel's Comrade-in-Arms Quotes
Testimony of Man Who Watched
Advance of Others Under Heavy
Shellfire From "Peepholes."

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
STAUNTON, VA., Jan. 7.—When shown the statement of Grayson H. Withrow, of Baltimore, who testified against him in the Watson hearing, and then said that he believed the committee would "white wash" the Ople case, Colonel H. L. Ople, of Staunton, refused to make a statement.

"It would seem to me that the newspapers should have become saturated with ravings of irresponsible people," was his only comment.

Friend Returns Hot Reply.
Reese T. Grubert, war veteran and war time comrade of Ople, however, was not so reticent. "Major Ople declared at the outset of these charges that he would prove them to be the product of diseased minds and shirkers," said Mr. Grubert.

"He has done so to date and will have no difficulty in disposing of the other charges. The Ople case is remarkable in that his comrades from the ranks have literally swarmed to support. This in spite of the fact that he is a stern disciplinarian. It is a fine tribute to the soldier mind, which appreciates justice and fairness above anything they termed the 'soft stuff.'"

Should Be Thankful.
"As to Grayson Withrow it seems to me that he should be thankful for the kindly manner in which he was treated by Ople's counsel. I heard all his testimony. It was so discreditable to him that even Senator Watson asked him only a few questions. He candidly admitted that he was hiding in a shell-hole, far from his own company, when he saw Major Ople and his staff advancing under heavy shell and machine gun fire to the attack. Any real soldier will appreciate that," said Major Grubert, who commands the machine gun unit of the Second Virginia.

Major Grubert concluded, "He stated that he peeped out of the shell-hole and saw Major Ople fire. He saw a man fall. He did not know whether the man was killed or if killed by Major Ople or by enemy fire. Yet he gave to the papers the grave accusation that I saw Major Ople shoot a soldier."

Colonel Ople has been furnished with an official copy of Withrow's statement.

Alleged Jewel Thief Caught.
LONG BEACH, CAL., Jan. 7.—Elmer Dowdy, declared by the local police to be wanted in Philadelphia in connection with the theft last November of \$25,000 worth of jewelry from Mrs. Nara Bent, wife of Steadman Bent, vice-president of the Pennsylvania Steel Company, was arrested here last night.

Lumber Plant Destroyed.
MOULTREE, GA., Jan. 7.—The Jenkins Lumber Company plant was destroyed by fire today.

An Appetizing Menu

Breakfast.
Sliced Oranges,
Fried Oysters,
Strawberry Jam,
Coffee.

Dinner.
Fruit Cocktail,
Roast Pork,
Stewed Corn,
Hashed Potatoes,
Orange Whip, Coffee.

Supper.
Cold Cuts,
Potato Salad,
Warm Rolls, Tea.

HIGHER RATE SCALE STIRS STATE BODY

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In the recently adjudicated rate cases to justify the higher scale which the carriers now seek to apply; that the increases will amount to from 15 to 40 per cent, varying on different commodities and for different distances, and that there is no warrant for a general advance at this time. The Federal commission is asked to provide a public hearing in Richmond or Norfolk or Washington. An answer to the protest may be expected between this time and January 15.

Text of Paper Filed.
The paper filed yesterday by the State Corporation Commission is as follows:

January 7, 1922.
Hon. Geo. B. McGinty,
Secretary, Interstate Commerce Commission, Washington, D. C.
Dear Sir: The State Corporation Commission of Virginia protests against increased rates published by carriers, effective January 15, in J. J. Cottrell's L. C. No. 247 and Norfolk and Western tariffs I. C. C. No. 6980 and 7083.

In brief, these tariffs carry what amounts to general increases in rates. There are some reductions, but the effect of the tariffs as a whole is to generally increase the rates between points where the traffic moves in considerable quantity.

The policy of this commission is and has been, to refrain from protesting to your commission and asking suspension of tariffs filed by the carriers, except in cases where the new rates published by the carriers are prima facie discriminatory against the commerce of this State. After a careful study of the tariffs now being protested, this commission is of the opinion that they should be suspended and thoroughly investigated by your commission before becoming effective. The signs of the times seem to indicate that now is not the proper time for carriers to be bringing about general increases in rates. Your own commission is at present engaged in a general investigation of the carriers' rates with a view of determining how much, if at all, the present rates should be decreased.

Increases Up to 40 Per Cent.
After checking numerous rates in the tariffs under protest, it is estimated that the general increases, being sought by the carriers, range from 15 per cent to 40 per cent advance over the present rates. On account of the peculiar construction of Agent Cottrell's tariff it would be an unreasonable task for this commission, or anyone else, to name the items contained in said tariff, in which this commission takes exception. We are, therefore, compelled to refer in general terms to the rates we think should be suspended. It is requested that all of the rates in Agent Cottrell's tariff between points in the State of Virginia and

the States of North and South Carolina be suspended. This commission objects to the increased rates to South Atlantic ports territory, such as Savannah, Georgia, and Jacksonville, Florida, but on account of the following explanation it is not desired that these rates be suspended and investigated at this particular time.

The reasons for not protesting the last-mentioned rates is due to the fact that during the month of July, 1921, the shippers throughout the South and the carriers entered into an agreement to the effect that these rates, together with various other rates then up for consideration should be investigated by your commission in an ex-parte proceeding. We understand that a representative of the Southern Traffic League and a representative of the carriers have petitioned your commission to investigate such a proceeding. We, therefore, prefer that judgment upon these rates be held in abeyance until such investigation is made.

"Is Wholly Unwarranted."
The general increase in rates now being proposed by the carriers between Virginia and Carolina points was not in issue in Dockets 10500 and 10515. The attempt to increase these rates at this time on the theory that it is necessary in order to remove the unjust discrimination and undue prejudice found to exist in Dockets 10500 and 10515, is wholly unwarranted. As a matter of fact, the attempt to increase rates between Virginia cities and Carolina points bring about an unjust discrimination against the Virginia cities.

In carrying out Dockets 10500 and 10515, the carriers have proposed increases from the North to Virginia cities and also increases from Virginia cities to the South. They could have just as well removed the discrimination by lowering these rates or by partly lowering and partly increasing said rates. Since the carriers are proposing to remove the discrimination found to exist in Dockets 10500 and 10515 by increasing the rates to the Virginia cities and from the Virginia cities, it does not appear to be fair or necessary to bring about further increases by raising the rates between Virginia cities and Carolina points, particularly when these rates were not in issue in Dockets 10500 and 10515.

Most of the Virginia cities are

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what are known as "jobbing centers." They buy merchandise from Northern points, concentrate same at the Virginia cities and thence sell in Southern territory, primarily in Carolina territory. Any increase in rates to or from Virginia cities directly affects the commerce of the various Virginia cities. In the present instance, the carriers propose bringing about what amounts to a double increase; first, they reduce through rates from Northern points to Carolina points; second, they increase the rates to Virginia cities in the rates between Virginia cities and Carolina points, warrants your commission suspending these tariffs until proper investigation is made.

In Effect Many Years.
The commission's attention is called to the fact that there is no order by your commission which requires them to either increase the rates to and from Virginia cities or to decrease the rates from the North to Carolina points. It is under

stood that the rates between Virginia cities and Carolina points have been in effect a great many years, except for a general increase of 25 per cent, which was put on by the Director-General under the Railroad Administration, and a further general increase of 25 per cent, which was added under your commission's order in ex parte 74 on or about August 26, 1920. These rates were voluntarily established by the carriers. The business of the various communities has been built upon same, and it should be presumed that they are sufficiently high rates. The mere fact that the proposal is to bring about general increases in the rates between Virginia cities and Carolina points, warrants your commission suspending these tariffs until proper investigation is made.

It is, therefore, requested that your commission suspend the tariffs above referred to, set a date for hearing either at Richmond, Norfolk or Washington, make a

thorough investigation of the proposed general increase, and call upon the carriers to either justify same or cancel the tariffs in question. It is further requested that the hearing date be set as 15th in February as possible, because many of the interested persons herein, including the carriers involved, will be tied up in the general investigation now being conducted by your commission for the purpose of determining how much the carriers' rates should be decreased. Richmond or Norfolk is suggested for the hearing place, because it would seem to be central, not only for the various Virginia points, but for many of the Carolina points.

Copies are being mailed to Agent Cottrell, who published the tariffs in question for the carriers. Respectfully submitted,
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By ALEXANDER FORWARD,
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